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INDO US AGRI KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-US Agriculture Knowledge Initiatives has been made significant progress since now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria fixed for selecting candidates to participate in the US-India degree programme; and

(d) the number of Indian students benefited under the said programme so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the four identified priority areas of cooperation viz.,
(i) Human Resources and Institutional Capacity Building,
(ii) Agri-Processing and Marketing,
(iii) Emerging Technologies, and
(iv) Natural Resource Management, six collaborative research projects have been initiated, 16 scientists/faculty members under Norman Borlaug Fellowship Programme-2006 and 12 private/ public sector officials under Cochran Fellowship Programme-2006 have received training in USA, and six joint workshops in India and three workshops in USA have been organized in the areas of topical interest.

(c) & (d): There is no US-India degree programme yet realized in the Indo-US Agriculture Knowledge Initiatives and no candidate has yet been selected for it.